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1. As of 19 May 49 Czechoslovakia's stock of the most vital raw materials was sufficient for only three to four weeks.
2. The Commissioner for Technic [sic] has disclosed that only 15% of the installation material for new housing required by the Five-Year Plan is available. Houses can be constructed but cannot be supplied with electricity, gas, or water.
3. There is a dire lack of 5 mm tin sheets in Czechoslovak industry.
4. Foreign currency in the National Bank will be exhausted by the end of June 1949, and there is not enough currency now for the embassies and ministries abroad. A far-reaching amnesty has been decreed for currency offenses.

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